

# Grand Teton

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Grand Teton National Park  
Wyoming



## Make Grand Teton National Park *your* classroom ...

### Ranger Visits to Classrooms

*Rangers are available primarily during the months of October and November. If your school is outside of Jackson Hole, we ask that at least three classrooms in your school would like to participate. Weather dependent.*

Ranger Readers: Rangers will lead a Grand Teton story time adventure with your young students, including an activity. Suggested grades K-2. October/November.

Earth History: Geology is easier to understand when you can see its effects right in your own backyard. Rangers bring rock samples and demonstrations teach rock cycles, glacial geology and Teton formation. October/November.

History: The Jackson Hole Valley has a rich history of both caring citizens working together and adventurous characters. Using artifacts and stories of local heroes, rangers can bring to light the real stories of Westward expansion. October/November.

Ecology: Using furs, skulls and engaging activities, rangers explain what makes this area one of the wildest and most complete ecosystems in the lower 48 states. Rangers explain the interconnections and food webs that make this ecosystem resilient. October/November.

### Distance Learning

*Use basic Skype software to connect to the park for live programs. Priority given to schools that cannot visit the park in person.*

Snow Desk: Park Rangers broadcast live to your classroom from a desk made of snow located at the base of the Teton Range. During this interactive "talk show," students learn that wildlife must adapt to the region's long winter and harsh climate. Suggested grades 2-5. 30 minutes. January - March only.

Ask a Ranger: Students use online park resources to research Grand Teton and then Skype chat with rangers to learn more about the park or ranger careers. Suggested grades 3 – 12. 30 minutes. October – March.

### Park as Classroom: Field Trips

Winter Challenge: Students snow shoe in the footprints of Grand Teton wildlife and use their own inferences and observations to understand animal behaviors and adaptations. Suggested for grades K-2. 4 hours. Snow shoes available. . January - March only.

Weather Wonders: Teaching scientific inquiry is easy when students are curious, and they'll be inspired by the dramatic Teton Range and valley. Students use a variety of tools to explore and gather data about winter habitat and snow. Suggested grades 3 – 6. 4 hours. Snow shoes available. . January - March only.

Drawn to Nature: The pathway to preservation was paved by writers and artists with a passion for the area. This is an interdisciplinary exploration of the park through words, drawing and field journaling. Higher grade levels will include increasing levels of science and field documentation skills. Suggested grades 4-12. 2-5 hours based on teacher preference. Fall/Spring.

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